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1. THE SCIENCE COUNSELOR MET DECEMBER 19 WITH PROFESSOR RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI, DR. ADAM URBANEK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DIVISION II, POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AND DR. ANDRZEJ GROMEK, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, TO DISCUSS THE POLISH OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH PROGRAM. ALL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE U.S. OFFER TO COOPERATE; NO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE PREVIOUS DIFFICULTY IN CONTACTING RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI NOR WERE QUESTIONS ASKED CONCERNING THE SOURCE OF U.S. INFORMATION ON THE POLISH ANTARCTIC PROGRAM.

2. DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI SAID HE WILL DEPART DECEMBER 20 ON THE R/V PROFESSOR SIEDLECKI, WHICH PLANS TO ENTER THE DRAKE PASSAGE IN LATE JANUARY. THE SIEDLECKI WILL FIRST CONTACT THE R/V THOMPSON BY RADIO AND ARRANGE FOR A RENDEZVOUS. DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI APPEARED ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXCHANGE OF RESEARCH PERSONNEL. HE STATED THE POLISH EXPEDITION WOULD APPRECIATE U.S. ASSISTANCE ON WEATHER FORECASTING, AND INQUIRED WHETHER THE THOMPSON WAS CARRYING EQUIPMENT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SYNOPTIC MAPS.

3. DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI SAID THE SIEDLECKI AND THE TRAWLER B-417 WOULD LIKE TO CALL AT PALMA STATION, ANVERSE ISLAND, SOUTH SHETLAND ARCHIPELAGUE, TO PURCHASE 500 TONS OF FUEL. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF THIS CAN BE DONE. DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI INDICATED THAT EXCHANGE OF PERSONNEL COULD BEST TAKE PLACE IN A PORT CALL, POSSIBLY AT PALMA STATION, ADDING HOWEVER THAT THE SIEDLECKI AND THE TRAWLER B-417 HAVE ENTRY RIGHTS AT PUNTA ARENAS.

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4. DR. URBANEK NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS WILL ALSO BE PERFORMING CURRENT STUDIES IN THE DRAKE PASSAGE THIS WINTER FROM THE R/V PROFESSOR WIESE. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIETS HAD REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SIEDLECKI IN DETERMINING THE LOCATION OF THE SOVIET METER ARRAYS, NOTING THE SIEDLECKI'S CAPABILITY OF PRECISE DETERMINATION POSITION THROUGH SATELLITE COMMUNICATION,

WHICH THE WIESE LACKS.

5. DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI SAID THE POLISH EXPEDITION WILL BE CONFINED TO KRILL RESOURCES WITH SURFACE TRAWLING DOWN TO 200 METERS. HE SAID THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM OF DAMAGE TO U.S. CURRENT METER ARRAYS BY THE POLISH TRAWLING OPERATIONS ONCE THE PRECISE POSITIONS OF THE ARRAYS ARE KNOWN TO THE SIEDLECKI. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI DID NOT HAVE THE CALL SIGNS FOR THE SIEDLECKI OR THE B-417 IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, BUT PROMISED THAT THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE EMBASSY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

6. ON DECEMBER 16, THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INDICATING THAT THE PROFESSOR SIEDLECKI AND THE TRAWLER B-417 WILL BE CONDUCTING SCIENTIFIC STUDIES IN THE ATLANTIC SECTOR OF THE ANTARCTIC, SOUTH OF 60 DEGREES SOUTH LATITUDE IN THE AREA OF THE DRAKE PASSAGE, WEDDELL SEA, AND BOUVET ISLAND, FROM THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1975 THROUGH MARCH 1976. THERE WILL BE 31 SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL ON BOARD THE SIEDLECKI AND 6 SCIENTISTS ON BOARD THE B-417. PROFESSOR RAKUSASUSZCZEWSKI IS ASSIGNED AS DIRECTOR OF THE EXPEDITION. ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITION ARE POLISH CITIZENS. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE REFERS TO ARTICLE VII OF THE DECEMBER 1, 1959, ANTARCTIC TREATY, INDICATING THAT DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI IS APPOINTED ANTARCTIC OBSERVER FOR THE POLISH SIDE DURING THE ANTARCTIC SUMMER 1975-76. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTS THAT THIS INFORMATION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IN THE DECEMBER 19 MEETING WITH RUKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI, HE STATED THAT UNDER THE 1959 TREATY HE SHOULD BE AFFOREDED ACCESS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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